

(141)

Prince WALDECK'S LETTER TO THE States-General:

Giving an Account of a great VICTORY obtained over the
French the 25th of this Instant *August, 1689.*

Licensed August 24. 1689.

High and Mighty Lords,

THIS Morning, while a good part of your High and Mighty-
nesses Army were Foraging, came tidings, that the Ma-
reschal *d'Humiers* with his Army, which he had some days
since strengthened by an Addition of six Thousand Men,
were marching; immediately your Foragers were advertised of it by
some Cannon Shot, as had been agreed: In the mean while the Enemies
Avant Guard attacked the Village *Forge*, in which I had placed eight
hundred Men to Cover the Foragers; which were Commanded by the
English Colonel *Hodges*, *Coll. Goes*, and the Major of the *Hess* Regiment.
This Attack continued above two hours, but they defended themselves
so stoutly, until the Major *d'Roe*, who was sent to give notice to the
Lieutenant Generals *Webenham*, *Marlborough*, and *Houlby*, who were
with the Foragers, to bring them back again, succoured them with
some Horse: whereupon, while the whole French Army were coming
down upon them, they retired Fighting till they came to a rising by the
small City *Wallour*, in which I had placed Colonel *Linctan*'s Battalion
of *Lunenbergers*; and afterwards strengthened them with Colonel
Holis's Battalion, while this said City was furiously Attacked by many
French Battalions and Cannon for above two hours. Lieutenant Ge-
neral *Aylua* advanced with three Battalions towards the City, from
which he detached the Brigadier *Jalmush*; Lieutenant General *Marl-*
borough followed with the Life-Guard, and two *English* Regiments,
and in the mean time Major General *Strangenburgh* advanced on the other
side of the City with some detached Foot, which made the French
retire confusedly, leaving behind them their Cannon, Bullets, and Gun-
Powder, with a great many dead and wounded, whereof we cannot yet
know the exact number, among which are three Captains of the Guards,
Monsieur *d'Artignan*, Commander of the Guards, and many other taken
Prisoners: in their retiring came two Drums desiring a Cessation, to fetch
off their wounded, and bury their dead, saying that six Battalions
of the Guards, who had been in the Attack, were most of them de-
stroyed. On our side is no considerable Loss, besides Lieutenant Co-
lonel

A

762...1200

lonel Grymes, of the English; and the Major of the Hesses Dragoons, with one Captain Lieutenant, and one Captain, and some Foragers taken Prisoners, and in the City there are very few killed, or wounded. The French did theron withdraw into their Camp; and our Troops kept them Standing till it was Night; the Earl of Nassau, Field-Marshal, and all other Officers, have behaved themselves as well as one could wish, and all the Soldiers shewed great Courage and Joy, on the hopes of coming to a Battel, and there might have been great Success expected, if the Situation of the Country had permitted pursuing the Enemy. In particular those of the English, who were employed in this Rencounter, have behaved themselves well. I congratulate your High and Mightyneſſes Arms in this Rencounter, and the good Issue in making the Enemies retreat; wishing, it may please God to continue to give further Blessing to your High and Mightyneſſes Arms, and Government, I commit you to his Protection,

In the Camp by Thil Castle,
August 25, 1689, Late in the
Evening.

G. Frederick Prince van Waldeck.

SIR,
YOU will by the annex'd see what pass'd here Yesterday; There are many of the French slain more than is known; and our men were so courageous, that if the Ground had not been so hilly it would have come to a pitch'd Battel; but as it is, the French have had a lusty Blow. We have been all night upon the Guard, and I am but just now come to my Quarters from my Regiment of Foot. The Prince slept all night in his Coach. Just now we hear Shooting again: I believe it is from Parties meeting each other; but it's likely the French will seek their Revenge to day. I am dispatching the Courier, and hope our blessed Lord will give us farther Blessing and Happiness.

In the Camp by Thil Castle, early in the Morning,
the 26th of August 89.

Fr. Sluyler.

I believe there are above Two thousand of the French kill'd and wounded.

PO S T S C R I P T.

Flanders Letters confirm these Contentos, saying seventeen or eighteen hundred French are kill'd, among which many of Note; that seven or eight hundred were brought Prisoners to Charleroy; that six French Cannon were taken. Much of this Victory is attributed on all hands to the English Valor. Prince Waldeck's sending his Army to forage, was a design to draw the French out of their Camp; which had its effect.

LONDON, Printed for R. Baldwin, in the Old-Bailey.

